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President's Letter ©

From the President:

Another New Year is here and we have the promise of change from many directions. Other than the changes in store for our national government, we have nominations that are currently being solicited and soon we will have a new set of officers. They will be working towards making this a bigger and better family organization. Please consider being one of them. Your talents are too valuable to waste.

Speaking of talents, have you told us what yours are? We are listening and would like to hear them. Our newsletter would be a great place to show other members how truly gifted the Dunham/Singletary members really are.

Do you have a family story to tell? Have you discovered any fascinating skeletons in your ancestor's closets? Do you have a few mystery photos? Again, our newsletter is waiting to help you share your stories and maybe identify your mystery photos. Let us hear from you!

Jan Erwin Dunham, President

This Issue...©

The new year, 2007, takes us to Volume 4 of our DSFC Newsletter and to the tenth consecutive newsletter we've published. To refresh you on our numbering system, Volume 1, containing only one issue, # 4, was our inaugural publication in October 2004 (the 'last' one, by date, for 2004 even though it had no predecessors). It seemed to me more orderly in the long run to have a standard four issues per year, numbered intuitively, 1, 2, 3, 4, and to let each year be a separate Volume. Therefore, the second—January—issue of 2005 became Issue 1 of Volume 2. Four issues filled out that year and January 2006 began Volume 3, in which likewise there were four issues. So here we are now at Issue 1, Volume 4. I hope this is clear. I had to stop and think about it a little myself.

We open, as usual, with another upbeat letter from Jan Dunham, our President. Jan and her family got a special Christmas present this year. Jan's husband, Gary (designer of our masthead) returned safely from Iraq, where he had been working for one of the larger private contractors there on a special assignment (see picture).

Then there is my customary Editor's Corner



Gary Dunham (2nd from left in leather jacket) pictured in Iraq with some of our troops and his fellow contract employees shortly before Christmas. Gary left Iraq not long after this picture was taken and got back home to Jan and his family on Christmas Eve. Nice present!

column, with some news of the man who is now our most famous Dunham relative, **Senator Barack Obama** of Illinois. We are certain to be hearing more of and from Senator Obama and we'll follow his news in future issues, especially as may be relevant to his Dunham ancestry. For this issue, in addition to comments in Editor's Corner, I supply a short article that gives his descent, from his mother's side, from Richard¹ Singletary, through Jonathan² Singletary Dunham, down to the Senator himself.

In our sixth issue in January 2005, Paul Dunham wrote a review of a book, *The Gift of Valor*, about the heroic act of **Cpl. Jason Dunham**, a Marine from Scio, New York, who in April 2004 fell on a live grenade with his helmet and body to save the lives of his fellow Marines nearby. Cpl. Dunham suf-

fered fatal wounds from the exploding grenade and died eight days later at the Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland. He was nominated shortly thereafter for The Congressional Medal Honor. That award has been made and President Bush will give the Medal to Cpl. Dunham's family in a special ceremony at The White House on Thursday, Jan. 11th. We again review Cpl. Jason Dunham's story of gallantry in this issue.

In Hawaii, we find another Dunham, **"Brother" Bob**, making his own contribution to fellow human beings who are down and out and in need of an uplifting hand and message. You will find Brother Bob's inspiring story right after that on Cpl. Jason Dunham.

On October 15, 2006 the descendants of **Gideon Dunham** (b. 2 Oct 1820) had a fam-

ily reunion that was attended by forty members of that family. Doris Russell, a descendant of Gideon, has supplied an account, with pictures old and new, of that event and the family's background in journeying from Ohio to settle in Missouri.

Next is my short piece giving the descent of Barack Obama's mother, in unbroken line, down to today's junior Senator from Illinois.

Finally, Gratia has supplied an article on the line of descent of **Mildred (Dunham) Van Dyke**, with whom she has been in touch recently. Mildred descends from Jonathan Singletary Dunham of Woodbridge, New Jersey. She has supplied many good pictures to Gratia, which we reprint herein.

In the last pages of this issue are a number of short queries, notices, and announcements. Don't fail to read these items. One or more of them may be items to which you will want to respond.

Editor's Corner

Our first Newsletter was published on October 1, 2004. That makes our publication now two and a half years old. In reading back over the first issue or two, there was the same call in them that we are still making. We'd like some *interaction* from our readers: feedback, commentary, questions, additional information, criticism, requests—anything; and yes, we always appreciate a little praise and encouragement. I can't say we haven't gotten any feedback. Several people do occasionally email me shortly after a newsletter has gone out saying that they liked it, and that's always good and satisfying to hear.

But of course I worry about all the others. Do they read it? What do they think? It is from the silent majority that we'd most like to hear.

As I mentioned in the last issue, we did get from one person some fairly strong criticism about too much "dead genealogy" and not enough "news" of current Dunham relations. I took that criticism to heart and am endeavoring to make some changes, as with this issue. I put out a call to readers in the last issue who, I suggested, might volunteer occasionally to be "reporters" and do a little spadework at digging out what interesting and newsworthy things some current Dunhams might be doing. So far, nary a volunteer. What I shall do, therefore, is attempt to do one of these reporting jobs myself for the next (eleventh) issue so that I can see how much time and effort it really takes. I can't do that double duty all the time—serving as Editor *and* bird-dogging current Dunham stories—but I'll do it once so I can report on the nature of the work.

Meanwhile, in this issue we do have one Dunham relation who is doing some *very* big and important things: he is Barack Obama, who, in everything but an official "hat in the ring" announcement, is running for President of the United States in 2008. We have an article in this issue detailing the descent of Senator Obama's mother's family from Richard¹ Singletary, whose eldest son Jonathan², we know, changed his surname from Singletary to Dunham and thus founded one of the major Dunham family groups in the U.S. (Sorry, Deacon John guys; he's in our line, not yours.) I have written Senator Obama about DSFC and offered to furnish him with all the information we have on the Dunham-Singletary

family down to his mother and maternal grandparents, if he does not have it already. I hope that we may receive a communication from him in time for the next issue. Also, at our last online Board meeting, the directors voted unanimously to make him an honorary member of DSFC.

Cpl. Jason Dunham Awarded The Congressional Medal of Honor at White House Ceremony

Compiled by Sam Dunnam from multiple sources

On Thursday morning, January 11, 2006, Corporal Jason Dunham, a 22-year old fallen Marine, was given The Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously for his valor in combat operations in Iraq. At a White House ceremony in the East Room, President Bush handed the Medal to his family, Dan and Deb Dunham of Scio, New York; also in attendance were his two brothers, Kyle and Justin Dunham and his sister, Katlyn Dunham.

Jason Dunham was fatally wounded on April 14, 2004 in Iraq, near Husaybah, close to the Syrian border. He was manning a checkpoint with several other Marines when they stopped a car. An Iraqi leaped out and Cpl. Dunham began struggling with him. As they scuffled, the Iraqi dropped a hand grenade with the pin removed. Dunham immediately dropped on the grenade, covering it with his Kelvar helmet and his body to smother the blast. When the grenade exploded, Dunham received shrapnel wounds in his unprotected head. Three of Dunham's platoon mates with Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion, 7th Marines, were also wounded but survived. His family was told

that he never regained consciousness after the explosion. He was taken first to a Baghdad hospital in critical condition, then moved to a hospital in Germany, and from there to the Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland, where he died eight days later with his parents at his side.

His heroism in this sudden, selfless act to protect his fellow Marines was never in doubt. "He knew what he was doing," said Lance Cpl. Jason Sanders, a Marine mortarman. "He wanted to save Marines' lives from that grenade." Dunham's Battalion commander, Lt. Col. Matthew Lopez submitted his nomination for the Medal of Honor. "His personal action was far beyond the call of duty and saved the lives of his fellow Marines," another comrade said. Senator Charles Schumer, D-NY, later issued a statement urging the President to award the Medal of Honor to Dunham.

President Bush announced the award during a ceremony at Quantico, VA, where Marines and other top military and government leaders were assembled to celebrate the grand opening of the National Museum of the Marine Corps. PBS News Hour anchor Jim Lehrer delivered a stirring speech at this event about the United States Marines and their tradition, without mentioning Dunham by name but clearly having in mind such acts of selfless courage.

Jason's parents, Dan and Deb Dunham, live in the small town of Scio, Allegany Co., New York, where they operate a dairy farm. Deb is also a schoolteacher. Jason was a high-school athlete but was never drawn to the academic side of his education. The eldest of Dan and Deb's children, Jason signed up for the Marines before graduation and

went in as soon as he had completed high school. He had always taken a protective role among his friends and schoolmates, once putting himself between a friend and an adversary to protect his buddy during a fight. And he would warn his little sister to watch out for boys. He had ambitions of becoming a state trooper, provided the work did not take him too far from home. His Marine companions had only praise for him. Dunham “never judged anyone and he never judged the people over here” said his friend Justin Lambert, who served with him in Iraq. “He was just doing his job. He’s going to be missed.”

Dunham is the first Marine in the Iraq conflict to be awarded The Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation’s highest military decoration. President Bush told Jason’s story on Thursday morning, a bright, clear, cold day in the nation’s capitol. The President, just the evening before, had given the nation the news that another 21,000 U.S. troops would be heading to Iraq. “He was the kind of person who would stop patrols to play street soccer with the Iraqi schoolchildren. He was the guy who signed on for an extra two months in Iraq so he could stay with his squad. As he explained it, he wanted to ‘make sure that everyone makes it home alive.’ Cpl. Dunham took that promise seriously and would give his own life to make it good,” Bush told the gathered audience in the East Room of the White House, his cheeks glistening with tears. “With this Medal, we pay tribute to the courage and leadership of a man who represents the best of young Americans.”

“We’re very honored,” Deb Dunham said. “We wish Jason could have been here. I wanted him here and I couldn’t have him,”

she said, when asked her thoughts on accepting the Medal.

Gideon Dunham Family Reunion

by
Doris Russell

***Editor’s Note:** The Gideon Dunham whose descendants gathered at this Reunion, is a descendant of the Deacon John Dunham line of Dunhams. Gratia gives the following lineage: Deacon John¹ Dunham; Benajah²; Edward^{3,4}; Stephen⁵; Gideon⁶; Bowen⁷.*

If Gideon Dunham were here today he would have just celebrated his 186th birthday!

Gideon⁸ Dunham (Bowen⁷ Gideon⁶ Stephen⁵ Edmund^{4,3} Benajah² John¹) was born in Brown County, Ohio 2 October 1820 and he died in Henry County, Missouri 4 February 1870. On Sunday, 15 October 2006, forty of his descendants gathered at the Camelot House in Clinton Missouri to meet and celebrate their common ancestor.

Early in 1842 several families, including Gideon Dunham, journeyed to Missouri and settled in Big Creek Township. The township had just been formed in 1840 and it was said that “Big Creek had the richest soil, magnificent prairies, and beautiful streams and creeks”. In 1845 Gideon married Mary Gilliam, and they had three children before her untimely death in 1852. These children were Emily, Nancy, and Joshua “Bowen” Dunham.

Emily married James Reid and had one son, then divorced James and married Benjamin Jasper Ford. They had ten children, all born in Henry County. Nancy married

William A. Page, had one daughter and continued to live in Henry County.

Joshua "Bowen" was born in 1850 and was named after his grandfather, Bowen Dunham. Joshua married Hester Webster and they had eight children. An article in the Clinton Eye in 1939 on Joshua Bowen's 89th birthday states that he "was born 2 ½ miles southwest of Petersburg in a log or pole house, built totally without nails and his entire life had been spent within ten miles of Petersburg". Joshua "Bowen" Dunham as well as his sisters and their families are buried at Carrsville Cemetery, Petersburg, Missouri.

Gideon Dunham's second family began when he married Sarah "Sallie" Ford in 1854. Gideon and Sarah had seven children, three of whom died young and are also bur-

ied at Carrsville Cemetery. The surviving children were William, born in 1857, Henry born in 1861 Martha J. born about 1862, Sarah Frances born after 1862.

William Dunham married Mary B. Beagles in Henry County, but moved to Oklahoma. Sarah Frances married Walter A. Young in Henry County and they moved to Bates County Missouri and then to Craig County, Oklahoma. Henry married Eliza "Jane" Rohrer and this family remained in Henry County. Martha J. married William Price, and died in Henry County one year after her marriage.

The larger photos on the next page show (1) the Joshua Bowen Dunham family in 1898 and (2) Joshua and Hester ("Hessie") Webster DUNHAM's family in December of 1915.



Pictured above is the Joshua Bowen Dunham family and their homestead.ca. 1895-6 They are, from L to R: infant Ellen, Hessie (mother), Omer, Rolla, Finis, and "Bowen" (father).



1. Joshua Bowen Dunham and his family 1898.

Back: **Wife of son Charles; Charles; Finis; George; Marion**
Front: **Father Joshua Bowen; Omer; Rolla; Ellen; Mother Hessie**



2. Joshua Bowen and Hester Dunham's family;

TURN TO THE FOLLOWING PAGE TO SEE THE PICTURE OF THOSE MEMBERS OF THE GIDEON DUNHAM FAMILY WHO ATTENDED THE REUNION



Attending the reunion were: Barry, Alice, Chris & Debbie Dunham from Edmonton, Canada; Patty Parish, Winlock, WA; Tarisa Bacon, Buckley, WA; Lynette Lombardi, Petaluma, CA; Donna Goodland, Yreka, CA; Carolyn Shaffer & Linda Lampley, Spring, TX; Hugh & Jean Jeffus, Siloam Springs, AR; Alvin & Dorothy Flippin, Shorty & Evelyn Anstine, Harrisonville, MO; Gene & Rosemary Lytle, Lees Summit, MO; Genevieve Gallihugh, Chilhowee, MO; Bob & Doris Russell, Raymore, MO; Shawn Bigler, Licking, MO; Betty Bigler, Marty & Julie Morgan, Joe White, Karen Fields, Doris Fields, Dennis Fields, Wayne & Ginny Williams, Doyle & Betty Williams, Steve Williams, Jennifer Pack, Melvin & Ruth Childress all of Clinton.

[Sorry. No further people identifying information was received with this large picture, which had to be rotated to the vertical to fit it on the page. Editor]

Barack Obama's Dunham Connection

The genealogical information presented below has been researched by Gratia Mahony, Tom Berg, David Lee Dunham, and others. Gratia will do a fuller article later. Ed.

Senator Barack Obama of Illinois, now regarded as a serious presidential contender for 2008, has a Dunham heritage. His mother was Stanley Ann Dunham, daughter of Stanley Armour Dunham and Madelyn Lee Payne. Stanley Armour, the Senator's maternal grandfather, was in turn a direct descendant of Richard¹ Singletary and his eldest son, Jonathan² Dunham *alias Singletary*, who changed his surname to Dunham and thus started one of the major Dunham family groups in the New World.

In future issues we shall be writing more about Senator Obama, arguably now our most famous relative. For the present, we shall simply give his line of descent, so that everyone can understand it.

1. **Barack¹² Hussein Obama, Jr.** b. 4 Aug. 1961, Honolulu, Hawaii
2. Barack Hussein Obama, Sr. b. 1936 Alego Kenya, d. 1982 Nairobi, Kenya;
m. 1960, div. 1963. (Barack's Kenyan father; not in the maternal Dunham line.)
3. Stanley Ann¹¹ Dunham, b. 29 Nov. 1942 Kansas, d. 7 Nov. 1995
6. Stanley¹⁰ Armour Dunham b. 23 March 1918 Kansas, d. 8 Feb. 1992, Honolulu, Hawaii, m.
Madelyn Lee Payne, Oct. 1922
12. Ralph⁹ Waldo Emerson Dunham, Sr. b. 25 Dec. 1894, Argonia, Kansas; d. 4 Oct. 1970
Wichita, Kansas; m. 3 Oct. 1915 Ruth Lucille Armour.
24. Jacob⁸ William Dunham b. 7 Feb. 1863 Kempton, Ind., d. 13 August 1936 Wichita, Kan-
sas; m. 1 March 1890 Mary Ann Kearney.
48. Jacob⁷ Mackey Dunham b. 7 May 1824, Berkeley Co. VA/W.VA, d. 1907 Okmulgee Co.,
Oklahoma; m. 21 July 1853 Tipton Co. Indiana Louise Eliza Stroup
96. Jacob⁶ Dunham b. 1 June 1795 Berkeley Co. VA/WV, d. 30 July 1865 Tipton Co. IN
m. 21 Oct. 1819 Catherine Goodnight
129. Samuel⁵ Dunham b. 11 May 1742 Woodbridge, NJ, d. 18 Feb. 1824 Berkley Co., VA/
WV. [Note: Myers p. 552-3 gives b. 7 Jan. 1710/11]
m. probably Hannah Chenowith.
384. Jonathan⁴ Dunham, b. 12 Jan. 1709 Woodbridge, NJ; d. 21 Sept. 1748 Woodbridge, NJ;
m. Mary Smith

768. Benjamin³ Dunham b. 22 Aug. 1681 Woodbridge, NJ, d. 31 Dec. 1715 Woodbridge, NJ;
m. abt. 1706 Mary Rolph

1536. Jonathan² Dunham/*alias Singletary* b. 17 Jan. 1639/40, Newbury, MA, d. 6 Sept. 1724,
Woodbridge, NJ; m. abt. 1657 Mary Bloomfield.

3072. Richard¹ Singletary b. abt. 1599 England, d. 25 October 1687 Haverhill, MA
m. ca. 1639 Susanna Cooke (who may have been a second wife and therefore
not the mother of Jonathan).

Brother Bob Dunham: Crusading Against Homelessness in Hawaii

*The following short piece on DSFC member
"Brother" Bob, by Cedric Moon, appeared in Ha-
waii radio station KGMB 9's electronic edition of
Local News*

"Brother" Bob Dunham wants to solve Ha-
waii's homelessness problem one person at
a time. On weekdays, he's serving dozens
everyday around Oahu. On weekends, he's
doing the same thing on Waianae. On the
Big Island, he's opened two homeless shel-
ters.

But he says helping really starts one conver-
sation at a time.

"They'll be stand-offish because they figure
you want something from them," he says.

But he does want something from them. He
wants them to read his book, *I Love You*,
But...

"It's just a book of inspiration. Its about
when I was homeless," he says. "I know
that if they hear my story, that they can turn
their lives around."

His life was tough the moment he was born.
Dunham was one of 12 children in a family
on welfare with an alcoholic father. First he
picked up his father's bad habit. Then, dur-
ing 15 years living on Hawaii's streets, he
found a habit of his own.

"In those days, mescaline and LSD-25 and
coke," he said. I never liked the taste of al-
cohol or liked the drugs but it was a way
out."

His breakthrough came in 1995 after being
hospitalized for an alcoholic seizure. He
then quit cold turkey. Now, he wants to
help the homeless through his story. He's
handed out 250 copies of his book since its
release.

Dunham wants to tell his story and listen to
others.

"I'm not going to give a guy \$10 so he can
get a six-pack," he says. "I'll say, 'Brother,
I'll give you a shower. I'll give you the
shirt off my back. But I'm not going to help
you get stoned. I'll give you a hand up, but
I'm not going to give you a hand out.'" (*Story
by Cedric Moon, Station KGMB9, Hawaii*)

*(An Email Conversation with Brother Bob
by Sam Dunnam)*

I contacted Brother Bob by email and he gave me some additional background and an update on the activities of his 501(c)(3) organization called “Songs of the Children” (SOTC).

This past Christmas time '06, a mutual friend introduced him to a Judge from Florida. The Judge had read his book and wanted to meet with him personally. They hit it off right away. A few days later, the Judge called him and wanted to introduce him to one of his friends visiting from Florida. So, after Christmas Brother Bob flew over to the Big Island and, at the conclusion of the meeting with the Judge's Florida acquaintance, walked away with new found support and sponsorship for SOTC.

Brother Bob says he will use the new resources to buy a Karaoke machine and CDs to start the search for singers for SOTC. “These singers will be homeless and we will have [then] a set up to make films of their testimonies to show on the screen while they sing their songs. It will be very heart warming. It will lift up the spirits of many of the homeless (and others) to a new level. I believe they will see that they can make a change in their lives if they choose to and have a life guided by the Lord.”

Brother Bob says that “By the Grace of God, people are starting to step forward so that the vision the Lord has given me is coming to a great start that will bless many to come.”

Brother Bob says that he and his helpers are working on a recently established website (www.songsofthechildren.org), and hope soon to have a PayPal system set up to facilitate donations and support. His book is available through the website or from book-sellers such as Amazon, Borders, and Barnes and Noble. His enthusiasm and dedication to his work are evident in all his communications. Let us wish him success.



“Brother” Bob Dunham of Hawaii

One Line of Descent from Jonathan ² Dunham/alias Singletary

by Gratia Dunham Mahony

The 15 October 2006 Newsletter (Volume 3 Issue 4 p. 16-21) showed the children in the third generation of the Woodbridge, New Jersey Jonathan² Dunham. There were four sons of Jonathan² and Mary (Bloomfield) Dunham:

Jonathan³ b. 24 September 1672

(he had no male heirs)

David³ b. 10 March 1673/74

Nathaniel³ b. 10 April 1679

Benjamin³ b. 22 August 1681

In May of 2006 I visited Mildred (Dunham) Van Dyke, a direct descendant of David³ Dunham through his second son David⁴ Dunham Jr. b. in Woodbridge New Jersey about 1703-5. Because this is a well documented line and because Mildred has supplied a number of photographs of her family, I want to carry out her direct line to the present time. That line, detailed below is:

Richard¹ Singletary (abt. 1599-1687)

Jonathan² Dunham (1639/40-1724)

David³ Dunham (1673/4-1750-57)

David⁴ Dunham (1705-1758)

Benue⁵ Dunham (1732-1795)

Amos⁶ Dunham (1771-1849)

Robert Barkley⁷ Dunham (1816-1897)

Charles Barkely⁸ Dunham (1844-?)

Calvin Thompson⁹ Dunham (1883-?)

Mildred¹⁰ (Dunham) Van Dyke (1913-

This article will continue the line of David⁴ Dunham, Jr., son of David³ and Mary (Ilsley) Dunham, born in Woodbridge, Middlesex County New Jersey between 1703-1705. David⁴ Dunham, Jr. died in Woodbridge at the young age of 53 years, and he is buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery in Woodbridge. He married first an unknown wife by whom no children are recorded. He married second in Woodbridge about 1728 **Mary Freeman**, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Benue) Freeman. The maiden surname of Mary Freeman's mother (Benue/Benyew) was used

as the given name of one of the sons of David⁴ and Mary (Freeman) Dunham.



**Mildred Elizabeth (Dunham) Van Dyke
with her family photograph album**

Benue⁵ Dunham

The second son of David⁴ and Mary (Freeman) Dunham was born in 1732 in either Woodbridge or Westfield New Jersey. He died in New Germantown, Hunterdon County, New Jersey about 1795. On 2 August 1757 Benue married **Mary Eliza Heath**, daughter of Thomas and Ann (Nevins) Heath. She was born in Staffordshire, England 23 April 1737, and she died in Minebrook, Somerset County,, New Jersey in July 1794.

Benue⁵ Dunham owned a farm in Amboy, New Jersey in 1758. In 1762 he owned a mill and tannery at Lamington. In 1776 he is of record on the town Council of Safety, and in 1779 he was elected collec-

tor for the town of Tewkesbury in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. “Benew” Dunham of Tewksbury, Hunterdon County, is listed in *Revolutionary Census of NJ, An Index, based on Rateables, Inhabitants of NJ During the Period of the American Revolution* (1778-1780), by Kenn Stryker-Rodda, pub. Hunterdon House, 1986.

The first six children of Benue and Mary Eliza (Heath) Dunham were born in Bedminster, Somerset County, New Jersey. The seventh child was born at Liberty Corners; the eighth and ninth at Basking Ridge, and the last two children were born at Germantown, New Jersey. This then continues with the eighth child, Amos⁶ Dunham, born 22 November 1771 at Basking Ridge, Somerset County, New Jersey.

Amos⁶ Dunham

Amos⁶ Dunham was born in Basking Ridge, Somerset County, New Jersey, in the same town where his great-great granddaughter Mildred and her husband spent many happy years. Amos⁶ married **Mary Barclay** and they had three sons: Robert Barclay⁷, born in 1816; William H.⁷, born in 1820; and David F.⁷, born in 1826. The continuity of family life did not stay with Basking Ridge, however; Amos and his sons lived in several other New Jersey communities.

Robert Barclay⁷ Dunham

Robert Barclay⁷ Dunham was born 11 January 1816 and he died 11 February 1897. His wife was **Jane Wilson Heath**, born in 1815; she died in 1900. They were the parents of five children, among whom was Mildred’s grandfather, **Charles**



**Robert Barclay Dunham (1816-1897).
Great-grandfather of Mildred (Dunham)
Van Dyke**



**Jane Wilson (Heath) Dunham (1815-1900) Great-grandmother of Mildred
(Dunham) Van Dyke**

Barckay Dunham, born about 1844. He married **Anna Margaret Thompson** and they had three children:

Jane Heath⁹ Dunham born October 1881
Calvin Thompson⁹ Dunham born December 1883
Margaret Bergen⁹ Dunham born in 1885



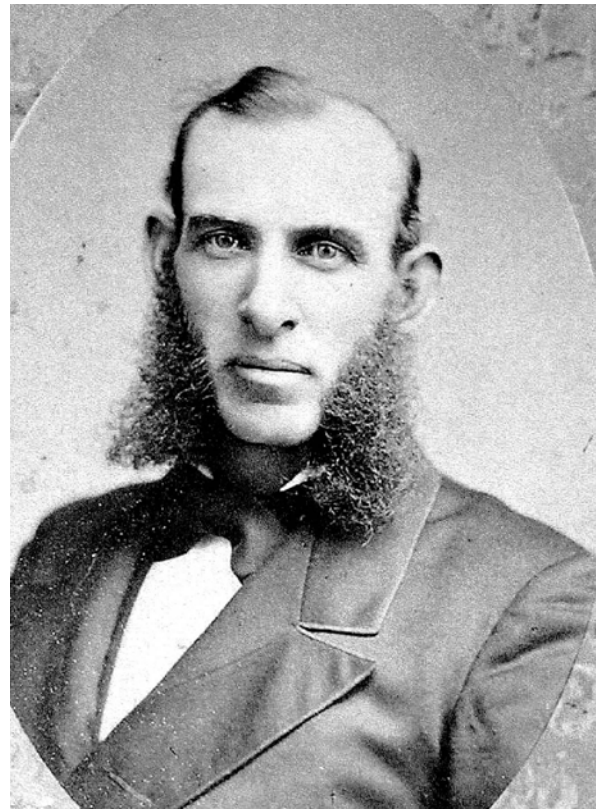
Jane, Margaret, and Calvin Dunham.
Picture taken about 1895

Calvin Thompson⁹ Dunham

Calvin Thompson Dunham was born on his father's farm in Morris County, New Jersey, in December 1883. In 1909 he married Emma Moyer and they appear on the 1910 Census in Trenton, Mercer

County, New Jersey, where Calvin worked as a bookkeeper in a brick factory. Calvin and Emma Dunham had three children:

Charles B.¹⁰ Dunham born in 1911
Margaret¹⁰ Dunham born in 1912
Mildred¹⁰ Dunham born in 1913



Calvin Thompson Dunham, born 1883.
Father of Mildred (Dunham) Van Dyke

Mildred Elizabeth Dunham grew up in New Jersey and married Reinhardt (Ray) Van Dyke, Sr. "Ray" Van Dyke was a minister, and after his retirement Mildred and Ray moved to a lovely old home in Basking Ridge New Jersey. They appear in the photo on the following page with their family gathered about them.



Back Row: Jeremy Van Dyke, son of Rick and Nancy; John Dunham Van Dyke; Garret Calvin Van Dyke; Reinhardt Van Dyke, Sr. (Ray); Reinhardt Van Dyke, Jr. (Rick); Robert Barkely Van Dyke.

Middle Row: Barbara (Murphy) wife of John D. Van Dyke holding Robert Edwin Van Dyke; Susan (Payne) Van Dyke; Mildred Elizabeth (Dunham) Van Dyke; Nancy (Warren) Van Dyke, wife of Rick; Kathleen (Foley) Van Dyke wife of Robert, holding Justin Dunham Van Dyke who died at age 12 months; Benjamin Warren Van Dyke son of Rick and Nancy.

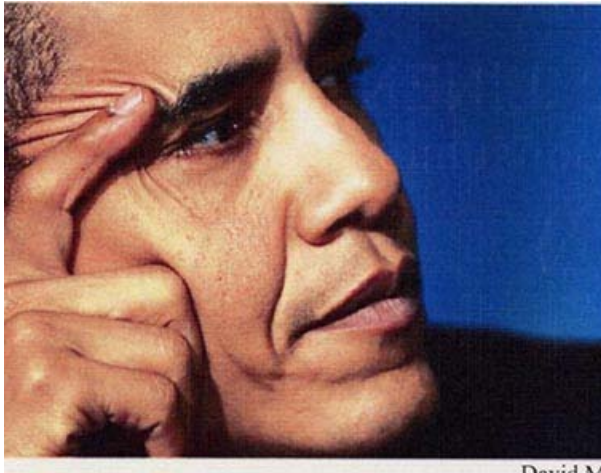
Front Row: Joseph Calvin Van Dyke, son of John and Barbara, Cynthia Barber Van Dyke, daughter of Garret and Susan; Joshua Reinhardt Van Dyke, son of Robert and Kathleen, Jamison Barkley Van Dyke son of Robert and Kathleen, Garret Calvin Van Dyke, Jr. son of Garret and Susan, Jared Calvin Van Dyke, son of Robert and Kathleen.

Late-breaking Bulletin: Tuesday,
January 16, 2007

Obama Announces Presidential Bid for 2008

One good consequence of getting out the Newsletter late is that I was able to include this piece of current relevant news. Editor

On Tuesday, January 16, 2007, Senator Barack Obama of Illinois announced that he had filed papers with the Federal Election Commission to open a presidential exploratory committee. This is the first formal step that candidates seeking the presidency must take. Senator Obama said he would make his formal declaration to run on February 10th in Springfield, Illinois, the home of Lincoln.



Photo—David McNew Getty Images

Senator Barack Obama

In campaigning for other Democratic candidates in the run-up to the recent congressional elections held on November 7th, Senator Obama was the single most sought-after speaker. When he appeared recently in New Hampshire at a book-signing event, and at a Democratic Party rally later on, he was met and cheered by large overflow crowds that astounded local party workers. Since speculation about his candidacy began to mount, he vaulted suddenly to number two position in polls behind Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton in what is already a crowded Democratic field. If he should win the Democratic nomination and be elected, he would become the nation's first black president.

Senator Obama's entry into the race to become the '08 Democratic nominee will make his life a lot busier than it was before he became an intended candidate. I hope that he will still find time to reply to the letter I have sent him on behalf of DSFC. But whether so or not, the next newsletter will contain an article with a great deal more about his personal biography. With one of our own Dunham descendants now a candidate for President of the United States, 2007 promises to be an interesting year.

GEORGE DOTY'S QUERY

George Doty recently contacted Gratia Mahony, who has been working with George on possible connections between different lines of his family. If any readers have information on these families they should contact George directly. - Editor

I am looking for information on the Dunham, Doty and Hamlin families who lived in and around Sharon CT and Amenia NY during the last quarter of the 18th Century. Of particular interest to me would be evidence of marriages between Dunhams and Dotys and Dunhams and Hamlins. Any information about children resulting from these marriages would also be of great interest to me.

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FINAL REMINDER

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL GENEALOGICAL CONFER- ENCE

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